

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 824 without my signature.

Providing the five counties that opted to maintain administration of their In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program with increased State participation in wages and benefits is not feasible at this time. The estimated annual State General Fund cost increase of this bill is in excess of \$400,000. However, I do understand the need to re-evaluate whether these counties should be penalized for the choice they made. This issue is worthy of consideration in future budget discussions, but the state cannot afford to add additional costs to the current budget.

For this reason I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger